Varnavars and the Census.

272. * **MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether memorials and resolutions of meetings are being submitted to Government by the Varnavars of the different parts of the country, praying that all the sub-divisions of the various sections of the Varnava Community be included under the single name Varnavar and treated as such in the coming Census Report?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes.

Minor Irrigation Works.

273. * **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any new investigation of minor irrigation works in Thuckalay Sub-Division has been made during the year (item No. 360 II Productive Irrigation P. W. D. detailed budget); and

(*b*) if so, the nature of the investigation?

MR. P. J. THOMAS (*Deputy Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Taking level sections, site plans etc. for the preparation of estimates for improvements.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know the particular items of improvement that were investigated?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: Level sections were taken and survey was conducted.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: For what purpose?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: For improvements.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know the name of the tank?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: I cannot say.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know whether all these are prepared only by the officers of the P. W. D.?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: Yes

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Are they not receiving their monthly pay?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: They are.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: Then why should they be paid an amount in excess of their pay?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: It is only the charges incurred on account of the work establishment that are charged to the work.

Export of Palmyra Fibre.

274. * **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the value of annual export of palmyra fibre from Travancore;

(*b*) the countries to which it is so exported;

(*c*) the purpose for which these countries purchase fibre; and

(*d*) whether Government have investigated the possibility of developing locally cottage industries with this product?

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